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- 1. FOLLOWING ARE PORTIONS OF COALITION GOVERNMENT PROGRAM, AS READ BEFORE TURKISH PARLIAMENT APRIL 6, DEALING WITH USG-GOT AND GOT-NATO RELATIONS.
- 2. NATO: "WE BELIEVE THAT THE ROLE THE NATO DEFENSE ALLIANCE HAS SO FAR PLAYED IN THE FOUNDATION OF SECURITY AND POLITICAL BALANCE CONTINUES TO HOLD ITS VALUE UNDER TODAY'S CONDITIONS. "TURKEY AND USA HAVE MAINTAINED CLOSE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RELATIONS FOR PAST 30 YEARS WITH COOPERATION AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE

SERVING BOTH THEIR MUTUAL SECURITY AND WORLD PEACE. THE USEFULNESS OF THIS COOPERATION HAS ALWAYS BEEN LARGELY DEPENDENT ON MAINTAINING A BALANCE OF INTERESTS AND OBSERVING THE PRINCIPLES OF QUALITY AND MUTUAL RESPECT. THE RECENT EMBARGO ACTION TAKEN BY THE U.S. CONGRESS EXPRESSES ATTITUDES CONFLICTING WITH THE PHILOSOPHY UNDER-LYING THIS RELATIONSHIP. NOT ONLY IS THE EMBARGO UNWISE FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF U.S. INTERESTS, BUT IT ALSO WILL BRING ABOUT RESULTS EXACTLY OPPOSITE FROM THOSE INTENDED. HISTORY HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT THE TURKISH NATION DOES NOT RPT NOT YIELD TO PRESSURE. ALTHOUGH WE ARE PLEASED THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S VIEW ON THIS MATTER COIN-CIDES WITH OUR OWN. THE GOT REACTION WILL BE INEVITABLY DETERMINED BY THE MEASURES ACTUALLY TAKEN AGAINST IT. SHOULD USG EFFORTS TO RESCIND THE EMBARGO NOT RPT NOT SUCCEED WITHIN A REASONABLE PERIOD, TURKEY, WHICH HAS THUS FAR SHOWN GREAT RESPONSIBILITY AND FORBEARANCE, MUST TAKE THE NECESSARY MEASURES IN REGARD TO BILATERAL SECURITY RELATIONS.

4. COMMENT: COALITION PROGRAM REITERATES FAMILIAR
THEMES ON SECURITY RELATIONSHIPS EXPRESSED IN LAST WEEK'S PROTOCOL
AND BY GOT SPOKESMEN: A) CONTINUED VALUE OF TURKISH PARTICIPATION
IN NATO; B) MISTAKE MADE BY U.S. CONGRESS IN IMPOSING "EMBARGO"
(WITH NO BALANCING ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF TURKISH FAULT IN THE MATTER);
C) GOT APPRECIATION OF U.S. ADMINISTRATION STAND AGAINST
CONGRESSIONAL ACTION; D) GREAT FORBEARANCE AND RESTRAINT SHOWN
BY GOT UP TO THIS POINT; AND E) GOT DETERMINATION TO TAKE ACTION
IF EMBARGO NOT RPT NOT RESCINDED WITHIN "REASONABLE" TIME FRAME.
LIKE PROTOCOL (REFTEL), NEW GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAM IS RELATIVELY
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